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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 7 is amended.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (PREVIOUSY PRESENTED) An image sensor comprising:
 a transparent cover having a first surface on an image reading region side, and a second
 surface away from the first surface;
- a light source throwing light to the image reading region from a second-surface side of the transparent cover; and
- a plurality of light receiving elements each receiving reflected light from the image reading region and outputting an image signal corresponding to an amount of the light received;

characterized that the transparent cover includes a transparent main body of a synthetic resin, and a transparent glass member corresponding to the image reading region,

that the transparent main body has a groove corresponding to the image reading region, the transparent glass member being placed in the groove; and

that the transparent main body and the transparent glass member each has a surface which is flush with each other and provides the first surface.

2. (CANCELED)

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- 3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The image sensor according to Claim 1, wherein the groove is provided by a through hole formed in the transparent cover.
- 4. (CANCELED)
- 5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An image sensor comprising: a transparent cover having a first surface on an image reading region side, and a second surface away from the first surface;

a light source throwing light to the image reading region from a second-surface side of the transparent cover; and

a plurality of light receiving elements each receiving reflected light from the image reading region and outputting an image signal corresponding to an amount of the light received;

characterized that the transparent cover includes a transparent main body of a synthetic resin, and a transparent glass member corresponding to the image reading region,

that the transparent main body has a groove corresponding to the image reading region, the transparent glass member being placed in the groove,

that the transparent glass member is exposed on a first-surface side, and that the image reading region is linear, the transparent cover having a nontransparent region corresponding to an end portion of the image reading region.

- 6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The image sensor according to Claim 5, wherein the nontransparent region is formed with a white spot or a black spot.
- 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The image sensor according to Claim [[5]] 6, wherein the nontransparent region is formed with both of the white spot and the black spot.
- 8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The image sensor according to Claim 5, wherein the image reading region is linear, the transparent cover having a nontransparent region corresponding to the other end portion of the image reading region.

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- 9. (ORIGINAL) The image sensor according to Claim 8, wherein one of the nontransparent regions is formed with a white spot and the other is formed with a black spot.
- (ORIGINAL) The image sensor according to Claim 5, wherein the nontransparent region is provided by a part of the glass member rendered nontransparent.
- (ORIGINAL) The image sensor according to Claim 10, wherein the nontransparent region is provided by a part of the glass member applied with a coating.
- 12. (ORIGINAL) The image sensor according to Claim 10, wherein the nontransparent region is provided by a nontransparent member pasted to a part of the glass member.
- 13. (ORIGINAL) The image sensor according to Claim 5, wherein the nontransparent region is provided by a nontransparent member separate from the glass member and the cover main body, placed in the groove.
- 14. (ORIGINAL) The image sensor according to Claim 13, wherein the groove is divided into a glass member receiving portion for receiving the glass member and a nontransparent member receiving portion for receiving the nontransparent member.
- 15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A transparent cover for image sensor, comprising a transparent main body of a synthetic resin, and a transparent glass member placed in a groove formed in a surface of the cover member, the groove having at least a longitudinal end portion provided with a nontransparent region.
- 16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A transparent cover for image sensor, comprising a transparent main body of a synthetic resin, and a transparent glass member placed in a groove formed in a surface of the cover member, the transparent main body and the transparent glass member each having a surface flush with each other and providing the first surface.

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17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The transparent cover according to Claim 16, further comprising a nontransparent region provided at least at one longitudinal end portion of the groove.